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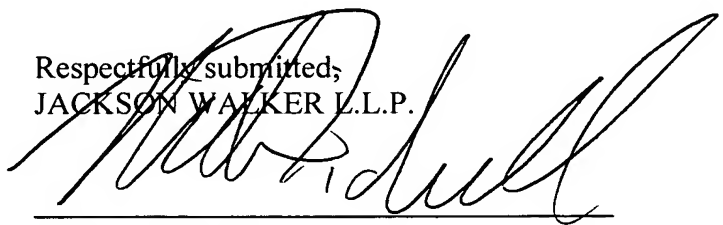
Claims 1-25 have been deleted. New Claims 26-46 have been added.

As an initial comment, Applicant notes that the Examiner has not addressed the Preliminary Amendment filed with the original application. The Preliminary Amendment included both an amendment to the specification to reflect the history of the application and an amendment to the claims. In the claims, Claim 1 was amended and Claims 2-25 were deleted. The Preliminary Amendment is show on the public PAIR as part of the file wrapper.

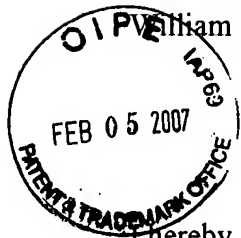
With that said, Applicant re-asserts the amendments in this response, and provides additional amendments to the claims.

The Examiner's nonstatutory double patenting rejection in the Office Action should be moot in light of the original Preliminary Amendment and also in light of the Amendments set forth in this response.

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